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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 February 2008.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2 and 5-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 2 and 5-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to applicant's response to restriction requirement filed on Feb. 4, 2008.
2. **Acknowledgement:** Examiner acknowledges receipt of applicant's election of group 2 (claims 2, 5-9) for prosecution dated 2/4/2008.
3. **Non-Compliance:** Applicant has elected claims 2, 5-9 for prosecution but has failed to comply with guidelines of MPEP to either cancel or withdraw the non-elected claims 1, 3-4, 10-20. In response to this office action applicant either explicitly withdraw or cancel claims 1, 3-4, 10-20, otherwise examiner assumes they are canceled.

4. **Status of Claims:**

Claims 2, 5-9 are pending.

Claims 1, 3-4 and 10-20 are presumed canceled.

Specification

5. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Claim Objections

6. Claim 7-9 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form, particularly claim 7 depends on claim 8 and claim 8 depends on claim 7.

For the purpose of advancing the prosecution, Examiner assumes claim 7 depends on claim 6 as a typo 8 for 6. Applicant should clarify the dependencies and proper correction should be made.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 2, 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jarzmik (CA 2308945 - published 11/18/2001 a year before the filing of this application).

Re. Claim 5 Jarzmik (945) discloses a) obligating the borrower to periodically make a premium payment on a life insurance policy on the life of the borrower, the life insurance policy naming the lender as beneficiary, the life insurance policy being cashable for a cash surrender value [see at least page 3 line 30 to page 4 line 28; page 5 lines 22-31; page 8 line 13 to page 9 line 25; and Example page 12];

b) arranging for at least a portion of the premium payment to be invested, in at least one investment vehicle, the investment vehicle having a preselected estimated rate of return [see above];

c) calculating an estimated cash surrender value of the life insurance policy over time based on the portion of the premium payment to be invested in the at least one investment vehicle and the preselected estimated rate of return;

d) periodically applying the proceeds of the investment vehicle to the insurance policy to increase the cash surrender value thereof;

e) receiving the cash surrender value of the policy at a preselected time in full satisfaction of the loan, wherein the preselected time is based upon the estimated cash surrender value [see entire document, at least page 3 line 30 to page 4 line 28; page 5 lines 22-31; page 8 line 13 to page 9 line 25; and Example page 12].

Re. Claim 2 Jarzmik (945) discloses wherein the investment vehicle produces returns which are permitted to build on a tax-free basis [claim 5 page 15].

Re. Claim 6 Jarzmik (945) discloses periodically calculating an actual rate of return of the at least one investment vehicle, and obligating the borrower to make additional premium payments if the actual rate of return of the at least one investment vehicle is less than the estimated rate of return [claim 9 page 15].

Re. Claim 7 Jarzmik (945) discloses paying the borrower investment surplus amounts if the actual rate of return of the at least one investment vehicle exceeds the estimated rate of return [claim 10 page 15].

Re. Claim 8 Jarzmik (945) discloses periodically calculating an actual rate of return of the at least one investment vehicle, and arranging to have the borrower make additional premium payments if the actual rate of return of the at least one investment vehicle is less than a preselected lower rate limit [claim 11 pages 15-16].

Re. Claim 9 Jarzmik (945) discloses receiving the cash surrender value and the death benefit of the life insurance policy in the event of the death of at least one individual, and discharging the loan in the event of the death of at least one individual [claim 21 pages 17-18].

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harish T. Dass whose telephone number is 571-272-6793. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:50 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Abdi Kambiz can be reached on 571-272-6702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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